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1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT QUESTION OF U.S. ROLE IN AUSTRALIAN-INDONESIAN JOINT MAPPING PROGRAM DID NOT ARISE IN ANY WAY DURING DECEMBER GOI-GOA BILATERAL ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AUSTRALIANS DO NOT EXPECT ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN PROGRAM DURING CALENDAR 1975, SINCE NO ACTUAL SURVEY OPERATIONS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR THAT PERIOD. SURVEYS IN IRIAN JAYA AND CELEBES TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO START EARLY 1976; AUSTRALIANS IMPLIED BUT DID NOT DIRECTLY STATE THAT U.S. GEOGRAPHIC ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE REQUESTED AGAIN AT THAT TIME.

2. EMBASSY THEREFORE CONCLUDES THE APPROACH DESCRIBED REF B (FROM OFFICER NOT HIMSELF DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MAPPING PROGRAM AND WHO HAS NOT FOLLOWED UP WITH EMBOFF) WAS FALSE ALARM, AND THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE TO AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM (TERMS OF WHICH CLARIFIED IN REF A) NEED NOT COMPLICATE US-GOI EXCHANGES NEGOTIATIONS. AUSTRALIANS
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HAVE PROMISED TO INFORM EMBASSY SHOULD ANY QUESTION ON

THIS SUBJECT ARISE IN FUTURE.

3. REGARDING US-GOI EXCHANGES, EVAPORATION OF AUSTRALIAN CONNECTION LEAVES NEGOTIATIONS EXACTLY WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN FOR 17 MONTHS SINCE SUBMISSION US PROPOSAL -- I.E. WQARE ONE. IN PREPARATION FOR IMPENDING RETURN OF AMBASSADOR FROM U.S., EMBASSY AGAIN CONSIDERING AVAILABLE MEANS OF MOVING NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS CONCLUSION OF EXCHANGE AGREEMENT. NOT LIKELY COURSE APPEARS TO BE FOLLOW-UP WITH MINISTER OF RESEARCH SUMITRO, WHO AS DMA AWARE OFFICERED TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. EMBASSY WILL INCLUDE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS POSSIBILITY OF MENTIONING OFFER OF NO-STRINGS RELEASE OF SMALL STOCKS OF 1:250,000 (REF C) IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SUMITRO. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY IMPLEMENTING NEW PROCEDURES FOR RELEASE TO U.S. FIRMS AND HANDLING REQUESTS FROM OTHER FIRMS, INCLUDING RELEVANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

4. WE HOPE ABOVE APPROACH SATISFACTORY TO DEPARTMENT AND DMA. ANY COMMENTS WOULD BE WELCOMED, WE WILL OF COURSE REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IF AND AS THEY OCCUR, BUT ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE CANNOT RECOMMEND ANY BREATH-HOLDING IN INTERIM.
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